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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: SHUM, AR, SREF  
SUBJECT: CHILEAN REFUGEES

REF: STATE 135956

ARGENTINA PROJECT (S200000044)  
U.S. DEPT. OF STATE, A/RPS/IPS  
Margaret P. Grafeld, Director  
(☒) Release ( ) Excise ( ) Deny  
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1. UNHCR DIRECTOR KEVIN LYONETTE INFORMED EMBOFF MAY 30 THAT THERE IS NO RPT NO BASIS TO RECENT RUMORS OF POLICE HARASSMENT OR DEPORTATION ORDERS AGAINST CHILEAN REFUGEES IN BUENOS AIRES. LYONETTE CHECKED WITH THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE REFUGEE HOTEL LAPRERA AND OTHER REFUGEE OFFICIALS TO CONFIRM THAT THERE HAVE BEEN NO POLICE THREATS NOR EXPULSION ORDERS. POLICE PROTECTION AT THE REFUGEE HOTELS, WHICH IS BEING PROVIDED BY GOA AT THE REQUEST OF UNHCR, CONTINUES NORMALLY AND THE SITUATION IS ACTUALLY QUITE CALM, LYONETTE REPORTED.
2. LYONETTE ADDED THAT HE HAS RECEIVED LETTERS FROM US MINISTERS IN DALLAS AND BOULDER REGARDING ALLEGED EXPULSION ORDERS AGAINST CHILEAN REFUGEES AND THAT HE HAS REPLIED TO BOTH ALONG THE LINES REPORTED ABOVE. (COMMENT: EMBASSY DOES NOT KNOW WHERE THESE RUMORS MAY HAVE ORIGINATED.)

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UNHCR HAS MAINTAINED POSITIVE RELATIONS WITH GOA REGARDING CHILEAN REFUGEES AND THEIR RESETTLE-

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MENT BOTH IN ARGENTINA AND ABROAD FOR SOME TIME NOW.  
WE WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR SITUATION AND REPORT  
ANY CHANGE. END COMMENT.)  
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